

Buena Vista Tree Board
Minutes of the Work Session – September 15, 2010
Public Works Conference Room - 755 Gregg Drive

The work session was called to order at 6:00pm. Present were: Roy Gertson, Kent Rodebaugh, Bill Shelby, Gary Ludwig, Megan Sweeney, John Schnaderbeck, Kristen Krasnow, Dennis Hutton and Jan DeBellis.

Since the town has received additional unexpected funding, perhaps the Tree Board could obtain some additional funding. Presently \$350,000.00 of the additional \$500,000.00 is set for roads. The proposed 2011 budget is: \$3,500.00 for Adopt-A-Tree, \$5,000.00 for the tree inventory, \$15,000.00 for tree pruning and \$250.00 for the Tree Board's Arbor Day event. \$10,000.00 was allotted for tree stump & brush grinding at the Public Works yard.

The 2011 Western Forestry Conference funding has not been issued or requested. The Tree Board will issue a letter to the Town Council requesting funding for 2011. Tree Board members attending the conference this year will gather data for next year in order to better estimate funding requirements.

Opinions are required - Should the bump outs have trees? Trees could be installed in the bump outs and be paid for by the local businesses. Would the businesses agree to water the trees? The city would have to cut out 36" x 36" squares for trees like Flowering Crabs with cast iron gratings made by Buena Vista High School students. Gary suggested for stress reduction that the openings be 48" x 48" but 60" x 60" would be better. Gratings would have to be ready when the town cuts the openings in the bump outs. Jed Selby, author of "TREE WELLS AND PLANTINGS" will attend our September 29th meeting.

Maintenance on existing Adopt-A-Trees is necessary (to be done by the Tree Board). Tree Board will also prune (without a license), remove wire and posts (for future installations), and help town staff with the installation of 8 new trees (instead of the 20 forecasted). The Tree Board will look at the bump outs for intersection visibility - Town did not want to have any landscaping in any of the bump outs due to high maintenance costs & visibility issues.

There may be high opposition by the Town with re-appropriation for East Main Street tree plantings. The Tree Board needs approval and a presentation to the Town Council, if a project is desired.

Contractor planted 18 trees in Town Square sites that were same size as the root balls and there was no Tree Board oversight. A 2-year warranty is provided by South Main Development. The Tree Board has suggested 2 new trees be added to the entrance of Main Street proper at Railroad Street and East Main Street with emphasis on visibility at the intersection.

The Tree Board needs to walk Colorado Center. Trees need to be one for every lot, every 50 foot. Should the trees be installed on the property owners lot, to be owned by the property owner? This would require the approval of the Town council.

Tree Board Council Representative will obtain a sight and visibility triangle data calculation sheet for the Tree Board members. Gary asked if grants are available. Should there be a separate project with application for grants to provide funding for some of our proposed projects.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2010 instead of October 7, 2010 due to scheduling conflicts of several board members. Tree pruning will be the major topic at the next meeting.

The Board welcomed Jan DeBellis as a potential new member. Jan has submitted a request letter to Town Council. Jan's contact information is: Jan De Bellis - 395-9298 fivefoottwo@yahoo.com

Adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

John Schnaderbeck, Secretary